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## Mail Stop Patent Application

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: PISANO et al

Entitled: ESTERS OF L-CARNITINE OR ALKANOYL L-CARNITINES  
USEFUL AS CATIONIC LIPIDS FOR THE INTRACELLULAR  
DELIVERY OF PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract  
82 pages of specification and claims (including 53 numbered claims), and  
3 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

RM99A00220

Italy

13 April 1999

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. 09/958,328 filed October 9, 2001☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a division of Application No. 09/958,328, filed October 9, 2001, pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to Sigma-Tau Industrie Farmaceutiche Riunite S.p.A..☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:**Cancel claims 1-28 and 43-53.**☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee				\$	750.00
Total effective claims	14	- 20 (at least 20) =	0	x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 (at least 3) =	0	x \$ 84.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 750.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract				-\$	(0.00)
				<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 750.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	0.00
				<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 750.00

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